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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims **10-12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Birleson, U.S. **6,177,964**.

Considering claims **10**, Birleson et al. discloses a broadband integrated television tuner comprising as shown in figure 2, a filter 200 amplifier 201 (pre-amplifying and filtering the received RF signal) a mixer 202 and oscillator 30 mixing the pre-amplified signal with a local oscillating signal, wherein the frequency of the first local oscillating signal is variable (col. 10, lines 28-31), a filter 203 that filters the first IF signal (IF1) generated by the mixer 103, a second mixer 110 which mixes the first IF signal with a fixed (col. 10, lines 47-55) local oscillating signal from the second oscillator 111. Thus, Birleson discloses all claimed subject matter as claimed.

As to claim **11**, Birleson discloses the output signal indeed is an IF2 signal. (Fig.2)

As to claim 12, Birleson discloses outputting a composite video from amplifier 126 (fig.1) and In-phase (I) and Q output signals from the units 123 and 128 respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Birleson. Birleson teaches the audio detector 122 is multiplied by a quadrature

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-9 are allowable over the prior art.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose a combination of the following limitations comprising a television (TV) tuner comprising: a first preamp stage for amplifying and filtering a received RF signal within a first frequency range; a second preamp stage for amplifying and filtering the received RF signal within a second frequency range; a first mixer being selectively coupled to either the first preamp stage or the second preamp stage according to a mode selection signal for generating a first intermediate-frequency signal; a first band-pass filter being selectively coupled to the first mixer according to the

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mode selection signal for filtering the first intermediate-frequency signal, a second band-pass filter being selectively coupled to the first mixer according to the mode selection signal for filtering the first intermediate-frequency signal, and a second stage being coupled to the first band-pass filter and the second band-pass filter for generating an output signal, as in claim 1.

Conclusion

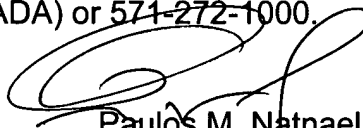
7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kovacik et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,995,808 discloses a front end tuner for receiving modulated signals and selecting therefrom modulated signals in accordance with a frequency characteristic thereof and providing an output signal including information representative of said selected signals.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paulos M. Natnael whose telephone number is (571) 272-7354. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am - 5:30pm M,W, F (7am-3:30pm T,Th).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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